

**35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 2**

Claim 2 stands rejected as obvious in light of '834 to Silverbrook and '878 to Moon in view of US 5,658,158 to Milan.

As discussed above, '834 and '878 fail to disclose a module with two or more printhead ICs. The disclosure in Milan also fails to teach or suggest these elements. As claim 2 incorporates these elements by virtue of its indirect dependence from claim 1, it is clear that the citations fail to support a rejection on the basis of §103.

**35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 3 and 4**

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected as obvious in light of '834 to Silverbrook and '878 to Moon in view of US 5,658,158 to Milan and US 6,180,002 to Higgins.

As discussed above, '908 and Milan fail to teach or suggest several elements defined in claim 2. The disclosures in Higgins and '834 also fail to teach or suggest these elements. As claims 3 and 4 incorporate these elements by virtue of indirect dependence from claim 2, it is clear that the citations fail to support a rejection on the basis of §103.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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